(b) the total income of Posfal Depart ment through the sale of these patrns nnder this scheme till January. 1987; and

(c) amount of any allowance paid to staff of Postal Department entrusted "with this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRJ SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a)) The information will " be laid on the Table of the House after collecting requisite information from Post Offices all f the country- -

kunniug $_0$f Railway Trains

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241. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will -the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains inching Delhj in time from Howrah, Bombay, Amritsar, Madras, Lucknow, Pune. Ahmedabad du ring the last sixt months;

(b) the number of trains starting from Delhi and reaching these stations in time during the same period; and

(c) wfiat. are the reasons of the late coming of these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY. OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Destruction of railway tickets

242. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR; Will ihe Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

la) the cost of railway tickets which became useless-and are being destroyed after; tr'roductvjn of computerised reservatbn' at New Demi; and *

(b) the cost at which this scheme has been introduced and what have been the returns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF 7M1LWAYS (SHRI MADHAVR, ' SCINDIA); fa) ap Jroximateij Rs. 5. 18 lakhs.

| The, total estimated cost of the project for Delhi area is Rs. 18. 63 crores. The project was not justified in terms of financial returns. It has been undertaken -• - as a measure to provide better service to passe. ngers through shorter queue length, lesser waiting periods, less chance of mat-, practices, etc.

Efficiency in DTC.

243. SHRl. RAM CHANDRA VIKAL;

SHRl KAPIL VERMA-

Will the Minister of ' SURFAC PORT be pleased to stale;

what" measure's have, been taken to . improve the discipline and efficiency in the Delhi Trans -ort Corporation and step up fleet utilisation and lower accident rates;

(b) what have been the results thereof;
and

(c) what is the number of accidents that have taken place involving DTC bus
ses during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRYOFSURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAIESH PILOT): (a) to (c)
Measures to improve discipline and effi-ciency in the Delhi Transport Corporation are taken on a continuing basis. Some of the measures bein^ adopted are replacement of over-aged buses, development of infrastructural facilities like depots and terminals. prescription of norms aH4 targets for various performance parameters, refresher training of crew, mobile squads to check crew behaviour, speeds repair and maintenance of fleet, staff welfare measures etc.

The steps being taken have started , yielding good results. The fleet utilisation has increased from 78. 1. 8 Bei cent; $_n$ Dec, 1984 to 86. 59 per cent in Dec, 1985 87. 49 per cent in Dec, 1986. As for the accident rale, which is measured in terms .. -cident, per one lakh kajs. operated, which stood;. t 1. 3?; n Dec. 1984 in Dec., 1985 has come down to T. 35 in Dec. 4W,